16. Sehlgaon ha.
17. Samrala halt
18. Adarki
19. Bhone
20. Sonshelu

Reinstatement of Railway Workers

2979. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dismissed railway workers reinstated till now in service;

(b) the number of employees not yet been taken back to service and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to reinstate those persons?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) So far 360 of the Loco Running Staff dismissed/removed under Rule 14(ii) of Railway Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules for participation in the Loco Running Staff agitation of 1980-81 have been reinstated.

(b) and (c) 251. It has been decided to offer re-employment to the ex-employees, not yet superannuated, except those whose cases were subjudice or are under departmental enquiry.

रेलवे की भर्ती में अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाती के लिए आरक्षण

2980. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा**:
श्री जागीर सिंह "दर्द":
क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेल विभाग में कर्मचारियों और अधिकारियों की भर्ती में अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए आरक्षण की व्यवस्था है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या विभिन्न स्तरों पर आरक्षण कोटा पूरा कर लिया गया है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार आरक्षित श्रेणी की रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए विशेष भर्ती अभियान चलाने का विचार रखती है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ): (क) जी हां।

(ख) अनुसूचित जातियों के संबंध में भर्ती के विभिन्न स्तरों पर आरक्षण कोटा कुल मिलाकर भर दिया गया है। तथापि, अनुसूचित जनजाति के उपयुक्त उम्मीदवार मिलने में समस्या है।

(ग) जी, हां।

Conversion of Shahganj to Maunath Bhanjan

2981. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether change from meter gauge to broad gauge from Shahganj to Maunath Bhanjan has been included in the Eighth Plan; and

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned for the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Conversion of Maunath-Shahganj MG line into BG is proposed to be taken up in the Eighth Plan subject to availability of resources.

Fare changing in Delhi-Madras Rajdhani Express

2982. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that train fare charged in Delhi-Madras Rajdhani Express does not include cost of food like the fare charged in other Rajdhani Express trains; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Catering charges have not been included in the fare so as to give the option to the passengers between catering provided by Railways and their own arrangements.

Private participation in Railways

2983. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to

encourage private participation in Railwnys to improve rail services; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A scheme called "Own Your Wagon" has been launched under which customers can own their wagons and get guaranteed supply of wagons for loading and also freight rebate.

Renovation of Railway Stations in Punjab

2984. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to renovate railway stations in Punjab in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Electrification in the Railways

2985. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for the electrification during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of the projects to be undertaken during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether all the trunk routes are proposed to be electrified by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) 3500 Kms.

(b) The electrification of the following sections has been sanctioned during 1992-93 & 1993-94, viz. the first two years of the VIII Plan:

1. Erode-Palghat-Ernakulam (including Cochin Harbour Terminus)
2. Renigunta-Guntakal-Hospet
3. Ambala-Moradabad
4. Chandil-Muri-Barkakana
5. Jamadoba-Mohuda
6. Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam (including Samalkot-Kakinada)
7. Bandel-Katwa
8. Adra-Midnapur

As regards inclusion of other projects for electrification during the remaining years of VIII Plan, the same will be done through the annual works programmes depending on the eligibility of the projects and availability of resources.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Constitution of Directorate of Education in Railway Organisation

2986. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rickey Commission had suggested constitution of Directorate of Education in Railway Organisation on the pattern of central schools; and

(b) by when it is going to be implemented, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds Crunch Hits ICF Modernisation

2987. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "Fund Crunch Hits ICF Modernisation" appeared in 'Indian Express' dated 20th July, 1993;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Rs. 25 crores has held up the modernisation programme of ICF for the last two years;

(c) what are the details of the proposed modernisation programme and it was submitted by ICF administration to the concerned and also the action taken by the both in this regard;

(d) what had been the fixed target for manufacture of railway coaches by various coach factories and other during the last three years, year-wise figures, coach factory and agency-wise figures;

(e) out of the fixed targets, how many coaches were manufactured by each of these